

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim [[1]] 30, wherein

one or more said medium type detecting devices are provided, and at least one of said medium type detecting devices detects whether ~~the~~ said each image display medium to be used for image formation is the normal image display medium or the reversible image display medium, based on a medium type display portion provided at the image display medium accommodated in a cassette attached to a cassette attaching portion provided in the image forming apparatus.

3. (Currently Amended) he image forming apparatus according to claim [[1]] 30, wherein

one or more said medium type detecting devices are provided, and at least one of said medium type detecting devices detects whether ~~the~~ said each image display medium to be used for image formation is the normal image display medium or the reversible image display medium, based on a medium type display portion provided at an image display medium accommodating cassette attached to a cassette attaching portion provided in the image forming apparatus.

4. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein two or more said cassette attaching portions are provided, and said medium type detecting device is provided for each of said cassette attaching portions.

5. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein


two or more said cassette attaching portions are provided, and said medium type detecting device is provided for each of said cassette attaching portions.

6. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim [[1]] 30, further comprising:

an image data storing portion for storing image data, wherein

each of said first and second image forming portions can perform the image formation based on the image data stored in said image data storing portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim [[1]] 30, further comprising:

 an image data converting portion for forming converted image data used for image formation on the reversible image display medium from image data, wherein said second image forming portion can perform the image formation on the reversible image display medium in accordance with the converted image data prepared by said image data converting portion.

8. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim [[1]] 30, further comprising:

an image data storing portion for storing image data; and

an image data converting portion for forming image data used for image formation on the reversible image display medium from the image data stored in said image data storing portion, wherein

said first image forming portion can perform the image formation on the normal image display medium in accordance with the image data stored in said image data storing portion, and said second image forming portion can perform the image formation

on the reversible image display medium in accordance with converted image data prepared by said image data converting portion.

9. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

a display portion for displaying an image data name,  
an image data selecting portion for selecting the image data to be used for the image formation based on the image data name displayed on said display portion, and  
an image formation instruction portion for instructing the image formation based on the selected image data.

10. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

a display portion for displaying an image data name, an image data selecting portion for selecting the image data to be used for the image formation based on the image data name displayed on said display portion, and an image formation instruction portion for instructing the image formation based on the selected image data.

Claims 11-29 (Cancelled)

30. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a first image forming portion for forming an image on a normal image display medium,

a second image forming portion for forming an image on a reversible image display medium, and

a selector which selects one of the image forming portions for image formation, wherein

said selector automatically selects the second image forming portion for forming the image on the reversible display medium when the first image forming portion (is not able) to form the image on the normal image display medium.

31. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 30 further comprising:

a plurality of cassettes which include a first cassette for containing a normal image display medium and a second cassette for containing a reversible image display medium, wherein

said second image forming portion selected by the selector forms the image on the reversible display medium provided from the second cassette.

32. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said selector automatically selects the first image forming portion when the second image forming portion is not able to form the image on the reversible image display medium.

33. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising:

a plurality of cassettes which include a first cassette for containing a normal image display medium and a second cassette for containing a reversible image display medium, wherein

said first image forming portion selected by the selector forms the image on the normal display medium provided from the first cassette.

34. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of cassettes which include a first cassette for containing a normal image display medium and a second cassette for containing a reversible image display medium;

a first image forming portion for forming an image on the normal image display medium provided from the first cassette;

a second image forming portion for forming an image on the reversible image display medium provided from the second cassette;

a receiving unit for receiving an instruction of image formation on the normal or reversible image display medium; and

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( a designating device for designating, in advance, one of the image forming portions to be selected when the instruction is received by the receiving unit. )

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35. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 34 further comprising:

a plurality of medium type detectors for detecting a type of image display medium contained in each cassette.

36. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 34 further comprising:

a changer which automatically changes from one of image forming portions to another image forming portion when the image forming portion designated by the designating device is not able to form the image on the corresponding image display medium.

37. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 34 further comprising:

an indicator for indicating that the image forming portion designated by the designating device is not able to form the image.

38. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 34, wherein

said first image forming portion for forming the image on the normal image display medium is of an electrophotographic type and is configured to form the image by forming an electrostatic latent image corresponding to the image to be displayed on an electrostatic latent image carrier, developing the electrostatic latent image into a toner image and transferring the toner image onto the normal image display medium for fixing the same, and

(B) said second image forming portion for forming the image on the reversible image display medium is configured to form the image on the reversible image display medium of an electric field drive type by reversible image display medium of an electric field drive type by forming an electrostatic latent image corresponding to the image to be displayed on said electrostatic latent image carrier, transferring the electrostatic latent image onto or moving the electrostatic latent image closer to or into contact with the surface of the reversible image display medium of the electric field drive type, and forming an electric field corresponding to the image to be displayed on the reversible image display medium based on the electrostatic latent image.

39. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a first image forming portion for forming an image on the normal image display medium;

a second image forming portion for forming an image on the reversible image display medium;

a receiving unit for receiving an instruction of image formation on the normal or reversible image display medium; and

a designating device for designating, in advance, one of the image forming portions to be selected when the instruction is received by the receiving unit;

an image data type designating portion for designating an image data type;

a changer for changing from one of the image forming portions designated by the designating portion to another image forming portion when an image information input portion outside said image forming apparatus applies a predetermined kind of image data input operation to the apparatus while said image data type designating portion designates said predetermined image data type.

40. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a first image forming portion for forming an image on the normal image display medium;

a second image forming portion for forming an image on the reversible image display medium;

a receiving unit for receiving an instruction of image formation on the normal or reversible image display medium;

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a receiving unit for receiving an instruction of image formation on the normal or reversible image display medium; and

a designating device for designating, in advance, one of the image forming portions to be selected when the instruction is received by the receiving unit;

an image data sender designating portion for designating an image data sender which applies an image data outside the image forming apparatus;

a changer for changing from one of the image formatting portions designated by the designating portion to another image forming portion when a predetermined image data sender applies an image data to the image forming apparatus while said image data sender designating portion designates said predetermined image data sender.

41. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a first image forming portion for forming an image on the normal image display medium;

a second image forming portion for forming an image on the reversible image display medium;

a receiving unit for receiving an instruction of image formation on the normal or reversible image display medium;

a designating device for designating, in advance, one of the image forming portions to be selected when the instruction is received by the receiving unit;

a controller which temporarily allows image information by one of image forming portions different from the image forming portion designated by the designating device, and restores the image forming apparatus to an initial condition in which the image



forming portion designated by the designation device forms the image on the corresponding image display medium.

42. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said controller restores the apparatus to the initial condition when a predetermined time lapses.

43. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of cassettes which include a first cassette for containing a normal image display medium and a second cassette for containing a reversible image display medium;

a first image forming portion for forming an image on the normal image display medium provided from the first cassette;

a second image forming portion for forming an image on the reversible image display medium provided from the second cassette;

a selector which automatically selects the second image forming portion when the first image forming portion is not able to perform image formation on the normal image display medium and the first image forming portion when the second image forming portion is not able to perform image formation on the reversible image display medium.

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